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TRANSCRIPT OF KISSINGER BRIEFING AT UN DECEMBER 16 FOLLOWS:

WALDHEIM: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I'M GRATEFUL TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR HAVING GIVEN ME THE OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION BEFORE DR. KISSINGER IS LEAVING THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

WE HAD, AS USUAL, A RATHER FRANK AND A MOST USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IN REGARDS TO THE MIDDLE EAST, CYPRUS SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS IN THE WORLD. I DEEPLY APPRECIATE THIS FRANK EXCHANGE OF OPINIONS AND I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY, SINCE THIS IS PROBABLY THE LAST TIME THAT WE ARE STANDING HERE PUBLICLY TOGETHER, TO PAY TRIBUTE TO MY FRIEND, DR. KISSINGER FOR THE WAY IN WHICH HE MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH THE UNITED NATIONS AND FOR THE HELP AND COOPERATION HE HAS EXTENDED TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND TO ME PERSONALLY. I WISH DR. KISSINGER FOR THE FUTURE WHATEVER HIS INTENTIONS ARE, GOOD SUCCESS, GOOD HEALTH AND ALL THE BEST.

KISSINGER: I PAID A VISIT ON MY FRIEND, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, FIRST OF ALL TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON HIS RECENT RE-
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ELECTION TO A NEW TERM AND I POINTED OUT TO HIM THAT HE HANDLED HIS ELECTION MORE SKILLFULLY, OR AT LEAST MORE SUCCESSFULLY, THEN WE HANDLED OURS. AND I REGRET NOW THAT WE NEVER ASKED HIM FOR TECHNICAL ADVICE BEFORE NOVEMBER 2ND. OUR DISCUSSIONS CONCERNED A REVIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, PARTICULARLY THOSE ISSUES IN WHICH THE UNITED NATIONS IS SO INTENSELY

INTERESTED. THE MIDDLE EAST, CYPRUS, SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THAT IS TO SAY THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. I ALSO WANT TO USE THIS OCCASION TO EMPHASIZE THE INDESPENSIBLE ROLE THAT THE UNITED NATIONS HAS PLAYED, DESPITE OCCASIONAL DISAPPOINTMENTS, IN MY TERM IN OFFICE TO PEACE AND PROGRESS IN THE WORLD. AND I WANT TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE FAIRNESS AND IMPARTIALITY AND GOODWILL OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND I KNOW THAT MY SUCCESSOR WILL FEEL THE SAME WAY ABOUT THE UNITED NATIONS. I AM CONFIDENT THAT HE AND THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WILL DEVELOP THE SAME FRIENDLY AND CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP.

Q. MR. SECRETARY DO YOU FEEL THE PLO SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE?

A. I HAVEN'T GIVEN A FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE FOR THREE DAYS. I THOUGHT THAT ON THIS OCCASION I WOULD NOT MAKE ANY PRO-NOUNCEMENT ON POLICY THAT WILL HAVE TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE NEW ADMINISTRATION BUT RATHER TO PAY TRIBUTE TO MY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SECRETARY GENERAL, THE IMPORTANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PEACE AND PROGRESS IN THE WORLD IN GENERAL.

Q. (ABOUT HIS REACTION TO THE HALPERIN CASE -- INAUDIBLE)

A. WELL I FRANKLY HAVE NOT SEEN THE ACTUAL DECISIONS. A TICKER WAS HANDED TO ME AS I WAS LEAVING THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S OFFICE. AND I AM GRATIFIED BY THE DECISION WITH REGARD TO MY ROLE. I DON'T, HOWEVER, WANT TO COMMENT BEYOND THAT.

Q. (ON CARIBBEAN -- INAUDIBLE)

A. WELL, I DON'T KNOW ANY COLLEAGUES OF MINE WHO HAVE THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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VIEW -- WITH RESPECT TO THE INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICIES OF COUNTRIES IN THE CARIBBEAN, WE HAVE OUR WELL-KNOWN CONCERNS WITH RESPECT TO THE ROLE THAT CUBA HAS PLAYED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD, BUT WE CAN WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH MR. MANLEY.

Q. (INAUDIBLE)

A. THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE TO THE COOPERATION OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACIES. WITH RESPECT TO THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE, IT IS ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS OF OUR TIME. THE REASON WHY WE FELT THAT DECEMBER WAS NOT THE MOST OPPORTUNE MOMENT WAS THAT A LONG-TERM PROGRAM HAS TO BE PUT FORWARD AT THIS CONFERENCE. AND IT SEEMS TO US INAPPROPRIATE AS AN OUT-GOING ADMINISTRATION TO PUT FORWARD A PROGRAM THAT A NEW ADMINISTRATION THAT HAD NO ROLE IN FORMULATING IT, WOULD HAVE TO IMPLEMENT. I AM, HOWEVER, CONFIDENT FROM THE PUBLIC SPEECHES THAT THE PRESIDENT-ELECT HAS MADE THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL BE WILL UNDERSTOOD BY THE NEW ADMINISTRATION AND I TOLD THE SECRETARY-GENERAL THAT I AM HOPEFUL AS TO THE

FUTURE OF THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE.

Q. (REGARDING PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN OF GREAT BRITAIN --
INAUDIBLE)

A. PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN? NO, I DID NOT. MY MEETING WITH MR.
CALLAGHAN WAS MORE A NOSTALGIC AFFAIR -- HE INVITED THE VARIOUS
BRITISH MINISTERS THAT HAVE DEALT WITH ME OVER THE YEARS TO
TAKE A LOOK AT ME AND SEE THAT THEIR SUFFERING WAS REACHING
A TERMINAL POINT. SO THE ADMISSION OF SPAIN WAS NOT DISCUSSED
ON THAT OCCASION, BUT THE UNITED STATES HAS LONG BELIEVED THAT
WHEN DOMESTIC INSTITUTIONS OF SPAIN BECAME MORE COMPATIBLE TO
THE REST OF EUROPE -- TO WESTERN EUROPE -- THAT THE ADMISSION
TO NATO WOULD BE FORTHCOMING.

Q. (INAUDIBLE)

A. WE BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PROPOSITIONS ON
BASIS OF WHICH PROGRESS CAN BE MADE, AND WE ARE HOPING THAT
MR. NUJOMA WILL LEAVE LUANDA AT SOME APPROPRIATE POINT AND
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TRAVEL TO SOME OTHER OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRY SO THAT A DIALOGUE
CAN BE CONTINUED. WE HAVE ATTEMPTED FOR THE LAST FEW WEEKS, EVEN
MONTHS TO, ELICIT SOME MORE CLEARCUT PROPOSITIONS IN RESPONSE
TO THE PROPOSITIONS WE HAVE PUT BEFORE HIM. I BELIEVE EVEN MORE
STRONGLY THAN I DID ON ON SEPTEMBER 29 THAT PROGRESS ON NAMIBIA
IS BOTH NECESSARY AND VERY POSSIBLE. AND I HOPE THAT IN THE NEW
YEAR PROGRESS WILL BE MADE. BUT I AM TRYING TO AVOID A
SITUATION WHERE I'M GIVING A GENERAL PRESS CONFERENCE.

Q. MR. KISSINGER, YOU DID DISCUSS SOUTHERN AFRICA WITH THE
SECRETARY-GENERAL? AT THIS POINT HOW DO YOU ASSESS DEVELOPMENTS
ON THE QUESTION OF RHODESIA, PARTICULARLY IN GENEVA.

A. THE RHODESIAN CONFERENCE, AS YOU KNOW, HAS RECESSED AND
THE UNITED KINGDOM HAS ANNOUNCED THAT MR. RICHARD WILL
TAKE A TRIP THROUGH AFRICA AT THE END OF DECEMBER INTO
JANUARY IN ORDER TO TALK TO THE NECESSARY VARIOUS PARTIES IN
THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED TO SEE HOW THE VARIOUS ISSUES THAT
HAVE BEEN PUT FORWARD IN GENEVA CAN BE RECONCILED. I BELIEVE
THAT A SOLUTION IS POSSIBLE, THAT WITH ALL THE DIFFICULTY SOME
PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE. IT STANDS TO REASON THAT WHEN FOUR DIFFERENT
NATIONALIST GROUPS THAT HAVE NOT ALWAYS WORKED TOGETHER
HAVE TO FIND A COMMON POSITION AND THEN NEGOTIATE THAT
COMMON POSITION WITH THE SET OF AUTHORITIES THAT THEY HAVE
BEEN COMBATING FOR 11 YEARS, IT'S A DIFFICULT PROCESS.
I LOOK FORWARD NEXT WEEK TO HAVING FURTHER TALKS WITH MR.
RICHARD. WE HAVE A DELEGATION AT LONDON TODAY TO DISCUSS THE
ISSUES AND I THINK THAT PROGRESS IS POSSIBLE. NOW, THE LAST
QUESTION.

Q. INAUDIBLE QUESTION ON MIDDLE EAST

A. I HAVE SAID PREVIOUSLY THAT THE ONLY SHUTTLE THAT NOW WILL TAKE
PLACE IS BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND BOSTON -- I MEAN WASHINGTON
AND NEW YORK. (LAUGHTER) SO, I THINK EACH SECRETARY OF
STATE HAS TO DEVELOP HIS OWN STYLE, HIS OWN METHODS FOR GAINING
CONFIDENCE AND YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER IN MY CASE, THE ONLY WAY
I COULD KEEP UP THE MORALE OF MY ASSOCIATES IS TO
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LEAVE WASHINGTON FROM TIME TO TIME. (LAUGHTER)

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